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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276-00000

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
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Marc O. SCHURR et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3773  
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Application No.: 09/957,451 ) Examiner: Darwin P. Erez  
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Filed: September 21, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 2507  
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR )  
FOLDING AND SECURING )  
TISSUE )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the  
Examiner's decision mailed September 9, 2008.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☐ Applicant petitions for a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time, based on the mailing date of the outstanding Office Action. The petition fee of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant has previously filed a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response to the outstanding Office Action to January 9, 2009. Applicant now petitions for an additional extension of time to extend the period for response to March 9, 2009. The petition fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Notice of Appeal fee of \$540.00 is enclosed.

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- ☐ The Notice of Appeal Fee was previously paid in this application on \_\_\_\_, but the appeal was not completed. Accordingly, no Appeal Fee is due at this time.
- ☒ A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.
- ☒ A check for \$1,520.00 is enclosed to cover:  
\$980.00 extension of time fee; and  
\$540.00 Notice of Appeal fee.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 3, 2009

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